GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1226
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EXPENDITURE ON MAINTENANCE OF CHARMINAR .
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) The amount allotted and released for the maintenance and upkeep of Charminar in Hyderabad during each of the last three years;

(b) Whether Charminar is fully protected from constant vibrations caused by vehicular traffic and pollution;

(c) If so, the details thereof; and

(d) If not, the corrective steps taken/being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) The funds allotted / released and the expenditure incurred on maintenance and upkeep of Charminar in Hyderabad during last three years is at Annexure − I.

(b) to (d) To ascertain the effect of vibrations caused by vehicular traffic and the effect of pollution on the monument the National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI), Hyderabad was engaged by the Archaeological Survey of India. The NGRI carried out studies on the magnitude of the noise and vibrations emitted due to vehicular motion around Charminar on different occasions and the effect at different levels of the structure. Based on the recommendations of NGRI, requisite structural repairs and development works have been implemented. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has been requested to consider the possibilities of diverting the vehicular traffic and convert it into a complete pedestrian zone.

The exhaust from vehicles has deteriorated the exterior lime plaster of Charminar by depositing soot and tarry matter which is regularly removed by the Chemical Branch of Archaeological Survey of India. Besides the levels of suspended particulate matter in the ambient air at Charminar is regularly monitored.

Annexure- I STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1226 FOR 3.8.2006 REGARDING EXPENDITURE ON MAINTENANCE OF CHARMINAR.

Statement showing the funds allotted / released and the expenditure incurred on maintenance and upkeep of Charminar, Hyderabad during last three years

(Amount in Rupees)

Year	Funds allotted / released	Expenditure
2003-04	23,25,000	13,36,312
2004-05	17,00,000	16,94,399
2005-06	8,07,600	5,75,491